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II. Maintenance of international peace and security

F. Consideration of the working paper submitted by Ghana on strengthening of the relationship and cooperation between the United Nations and regional arrangements or agencies in the peaceful settlement of disputes

1. The working paper entitled "Strengthening of the relationship and cooperation between the United Nations and regional arrangements or agencies in the peaceful settlement of disputes" was presented by Ghana in follow-up to its concept paper on the same subject introduced at the 2015 session of the Special Committee (see A/70/33, annex II). It was referred to during the general exchange of views held at the 281st and 282nd meetings of the Special Committee, on 16 and 17 February 2016, and was considered at the 2nd meeting of the Working Group of the Whole.

2. During the general exchange of views, several delegations expressed their support for the working paper, noting that the subject was topical and relevant to the work of the Special Committee, and that it could serve the practical purpose of helping to fill gaps in the work of the Organization.

3. At the 2nd meeting of the Working Group of the Whole, the sponsor delegation explained that the working paper was aimed at filling any gaps that existed in the working relationship between the United Nations and regional arrangements or agencies with regard to the coordination of their activities, for example in such areas as regional security, preventive diplomacy, peacekeeping and post-conflict peacebuilding. It welcomed comments from other delegations in order to further develop the paper.

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4. Several delegations voiced support for the working paper, noting the important role that various regional and subregional arrangements or agencies, where appropriate, play in the maintenance of international peace and security, both in terms of enforcement action and conflict prevention. A suggestion was made to include a reference to Chapter VI of the Charter.

5. Some delegations requested that the sponsor delegation further delineate the scope of the working paper in order to prevent duplication with discussions held in other bodies of the Organization and to permit the Special Committee to go beyond the 1994 Declaration[1] referenced in the working paper. It was suggested that the sponsor delegation could reflect the content of existing General Assembly resolutions, Security Council resolutions and statements and other documents regarding regional cooperation, in a revised version of the working paper, with a view to identifying specific issues not already covered.

6. The sponsor delegation indicated its intention to continue to develop the working paper, including by holding further consultations. It also stressed that the working paper did not focus on any particular region or type of regional arrangements or agencies.

[1] See General Assembly resolution 49/57, annex.